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SIEGFRIED OBERHOFER)
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Title: DEVICE FOR ADMINISTERING OR INGESTING FLUID OR POWDER-TYPE
SUBSTANCES IN ADDITION TO A REPLACEMENT ELEMENT FOR SAID DEVICE

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	WOODBURY	3,093,256	06/1963	5
	SKINNER et al.	4,809,938	03/1989	5
	JAMES	5,072,843	12/1991	5

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS				
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	PHAM	2002/0082564 A1	06/2002	5
	FISHLER	2002/0104933 a1	08/2002	5
	BRAND et al.	2003/0136800 A1	06/2003	5

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
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					YES	NO	N/A	
		DE	DE19746013	04/26/2001		X		
		DE	DE9315099	03/31/1994		X		
		DE	DE8612862	09/25/1986		X		
		PCT	WO96/26755	09/06/1996			X	
		PCT	WO97/47344	12/18/1997			X	
		EP	EP1224002 B1 (claims only)	03/12/2003	X			

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	English Translation of International Preliminary Examination Report, dated 05/14/2004		
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DE 197 46 013 discloses an add-on device for a handheld aerosol dispenser. This add-on device, which shows a cartoon figure or an animal, can be detachably mounted on the dispenser.

DE 93 15 099 U also refers to a handheld aerosol dispenser (Fig. 3 of DE 107 46 013 refers to DE 93 15 099 U) wherein the dispenser itself has an outer appearance of a cartoon figure, an animal or a fantasy figure. The dispenser is connected to a pressure line 7, which pressurizes a fluid aerosol in a container 8 via a second pressure line 7, which pressurizes a fluid aerosol in a container 8 via a second pressure line 20.

The aerosol is guided to a vaporizer 9, which atomizes the fluid aerosol and guides it to a nose 3. The nose 3 has to be introduced into the mouth for inhalation purposes.

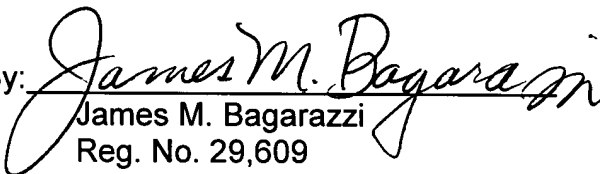
DE 86 12 862 U discloses a toothpaste dispenser in which a toothpaste tube is introduced in a container being formed as a cartoon figure, an animal or a fantasy figure. The container essentially consists of two halves screwed into each other. The toothpaste is dispensed via the snout or nose of the figure.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, who does not read or speak German, the statements are accurate. This belief of the undersigned is based on his experience with and confidence in the competence of the associate in Germany who has provided these statements.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

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